# HICKORY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING May 3, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Township Board of Supervisors held at the Hickory Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Abranovich.

<u>Supervisors Present</u>: Kathleen J. Abranovich - Chairperson

Michael E. Hall - Vice Chairperson

William W. Dean

<u>Staff Present</u>: Lisa Schlemmer - Secretary/Treasurer

Bobbiejo Warren – Patrolman, HTPD

Jason Medure - Solicitor

Other Attendees: Chris Houston Thomas Houston

Chris Fabian George Schweikert

Motion made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Dean to accept the minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting without correction. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for April was given. Motion made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall to pay current bills, payroll and all incoming regular bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

The April police report was provided by Officer Warren and read by Lisa Schlemmer: 31 traffic stops; 7 administrative; 1 animal complaint, 4 burglar alarms, 1 public assist; 1 ATV complaint; 1 burning complaint; 1 motor vehicle crash; 1 death (natural causes); 1 dumping complaint; 1 erratic driver; 1 fraud; 1 lost property; 18 property checks; and 2 roadway obstruction complaints

### **Building Permits**:

Applicant	Address	Proposed Improvement
Hickory Township Park Authority	Spartan Park	Electrical service: from concession stand to
		existing scoreboard to new batting cages; and
		install GFI outlets at batting cages
Tim Porada	501 Eastbrook-Neshannock	32' x 48' detached garage and 12' x 32'
	Falls Road	firewood storage lean-to

Public Comments: None.

Announcements: None.

Old Business: Tree trimming along roadways: Motion was made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Hall to rent a boom truck from Equipment Rental for the week of May 14-May 21 for tree trimming along various Township roadways. If the rental is unavailable during the week chosen, tree trimming will be moved to the week of June 1- June 8. All in favor. Motion carried. There was further discussion after the Motion about liability concerns with the Road Department handling the tree trimming. Another concern was the inability to fully open the canopy with the height of the boom rental. There was agreement that having the trees trimmed completely from top to bottom is optimal for a myriad of reasons. Supervisor Abranovich will contact tree cutting companies about fees, scheduling, etc. for further discussion at the next meeting.

Dumpster for Community Clean Up Day: Pricing was reviewed from four (4) different vendors for 20-yard and 30-yard roll-off dumpsters. This matter was tabled for further consideration at a later date.

<u>New Business</u>: Motion was made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Dean to accept the Fuchs/Westerman subdivision and lot consolidation. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lawrence County Adult Probation is compiling a "Pre-Approved Local Community Service Location List" that will be provided to anyone seeking to fulfill community service hours. There was a brief discussion about the conditions of being a Pre-Approved Community Service Location and the oversight required. No action was taken.

The following sealed bids were received for the sale of the 2007 Ford F-550 dump truck with snow plow and salt spreader:

Bidder	Amount
Forbes Excavating	\$12,100.00
Vitales Asphalt Sealing	\$2,900.00
Gaudino Brothers	\$2,515.00
Joshua Bowden	\$2,000.00

Motion to sell the truck to Forbes Excavating for \$12,100.00 was made by Supervisor Abranovich and seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to pass Resolution 2021-7 authorizing Supervisor Abranovich to sign PennDOT Reimbursement Agreement #R21110004 for NBIS Bridge Inspections was made by Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Abranovich. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to pass Motion to pass Resolution 2021-8 appointing either Supervisor Abranovich or Secretary/Treasurer Schlemmer as the authorized electronic signatory for the PennDOT ECMS system was made by Supervisor Dean and seconded by Supervisor Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

Just before adjourning Chris Houston interjected stating that he wanted to bring up a few Township issues, which included the following:

- 1. He complained about the condition of the Dillow property on S.R. 108. The Zoning Officer and Supervisors advised that mitigation efforts with that resident have been ongoing for a year and remain pending.
- 2. He complained that the veterinarian practicing on Rodgers Road is having her clients park on the street which impedes traffic and creates a dangerous condition. They are also using the Church parking lot as an overflow. The Supervisors replied that the veterinarian was advised that she needs to provide proper parking for her clients in the past and that they will address the issue.
- 3. He has been picking up trash along various Township roads including large items such as televisions, tires, etc. He wanted to know if the Township has a dumpster to dispose of trash picked up on the roadways. The Township does not have a dumpster. The Supervisors stated that they too have been picking up entire bags of trash, couches, chairs, televisions, etc. along roadways. When it piles up, they order a large dumpster to get rid of it all at once. Anyone wishing to report illegal dumping should call the police. Recent reports have resulted in arrests and citations.
- 4. He made inquiry about rumored changes to the Burning Ordinance and his opinions relative thereto. Pursuant to the Second Class Township Code, when the Burning Ordinance changes are finalized, the Township will and notify the public of the proposed changes and advertise notice of a special meeting. Public questions or comments about the proposed changes will be addressed at the special meeting before the amended Burning Ordinance is adopted at regular meeting. Everyone in attendance agreed that the Burning Ordinance needs to be updated to address current and ongoing issues with violators.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dean, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills	Due

General \$ 11,223.51 State \$ 1,901.41

## **General Fund**

Balance as of 04/30/21 \$ 72,492.37 Receipts
Expenditures
Balance as of 05/31/21 \$ \$ \$

# **State Fund**

Balance as of 04/30/21 \$ 122,187.27 Receipts \$ Expenditures
Balance as of 05/31/21 \$ \$

Earned Income

Balance as of 04/30/21

Receipts

Transfers

- of 05/31/21 \$ 89,746.92

\$ \$ 0.00

Balance as of 05/31/21 \$